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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to note my full support for the proposed Microsoft Settlement currently undergoing public comment.

Innovation, improvement, and enhanced functionality are essential for all products offered to consumers, whether automobiles, electronics, software or other. Microsoft provides these in all of their software products and consumers benefit greatly as a result.

Microsoft (and consumers) must be able to move on and continue to improve and to benefit. Finalizing the proposed settlement is key to this, and one significant step towards improving the economy. Allowing a small but extremely vocal group of failed competitors, Microsoft "bashers" and their political cronies to interfere with this settlement with yet more political and litigious obstructionism will only further stagnate the industry and economy, when we could instead be moving forward.

Rigorous competition is key to our economy and to consumers getting the most "bang for the buck". But when some competitors retreat to the courtroom rather than the drawing board in the face of rigorous competition, everyone loses. It's time to put the courtroom behind us and move forward, focusing on market competition and technical cooperation that will advance and improve the industry, the economy and consumers' interests.

Respectfully,

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